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Black Maternal Health Omnibus

I am a cosponsor of the “Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act” (H.R.3305) and its 13 individual bills. This omnibus package seeks to build on existing maternal health legislation to comprehensively address the drivers of the maternal health crisis. The “Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act” makes critical investments to address social determinants of health, provide funding for community-based organizations, grow and diversify the perinatal health workforce, expand access to maternal mental health care, address the effects of climate change on maternal and infant health, and improve data collection processes.

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Defending Reproductive Rights

I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the “Women’s Health Protection Act” (H.R.12), which would codify Roe vs. Wade into law and ensure that the national right to abortion is protected in federal statute.

I am also honored to cosponsor several pieces of legislation to prohibit governmental restrictions on reproductive health care, including the “Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Healthcare (EACH) Act” (H.R.561) and the “Ensuring Women’s Right to Reproductive Freedom Act” (H.R.782).



Supporting Women in the Workplace

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I am committed to eliminating the gender pay gap. That’s why I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the “Paycheck Fairness Act,” which would eliminate loopholes in the Equality Pay Act of 1963 to ensure women can challenge pay discrimination and put a stop to sexism in the workplace.

I was also proud to cosponsor the “Pregnant Workers Fairness Act,” which was signed into law by President Biden last year. This bill ensures reasonable accommodations for workers with limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

I recently joined my Democratic colleagues in the House in urging the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to fully implement this new law to ensure workplace protections for working mothers-to-be as well as people dealing with infertility, miscarriage, and abortion.

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